Rebuilding of Cities Damaged by Gujarat Earthquake

1148. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rebuilding of cities damaged or destroyed during the recent earthquake in Gujarat will cost about Rs. 30,000 crores; and

(b) if so, Government's plan and time-frame for rehabilitation of the cities and towns and victims of the calamity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The earthquake in Gujarat has caused extensive damage to life & property. However the exact cost of rebuilding of houses & infrastructure is yet to be worked out by the State Government. The State Government has reported that the cost of rebuilding of cities damaged or destroyed during the earthquake in Gujarat will be available only after a general consensus is available from the people of the city, as to whether they wish to relocate or continue to stay in the same place.

(b) The State Government is planning and formulating action plan for rehabilitation of earthquake affected people and reconstruction of damaged buildings and infrastructure as early as possible. HUDCO & BMTPC are extending all possible help to the State agencies in drawing up a comprehensive techno financial action plan in this regard.

Refusal of CBI to Investigate All Cases of Unauthorised Constructions

1149. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI had expressed its inability to investigate all the cases referred by his Ministry regarding unauthorised constructions in posh residential localities in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to continue their drive against the unauthorised and illegal constructions in the light of CBI's inability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. CBI had expressed some difficulties in